

## **BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL GENERAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

A meeting of the General Advisory Council of Bucks County Technical High School was held on Friday, February 12, 2016 in the Board Room at Bucks County Technical High School.

### **Members Present:**

Mike Gecht, Travel Ease, Ltd.  
Catherine McElroy, Bucks County Community College  
Garney Morris, Garney Morris, Inc.  
Ed Needham, Sheet Metal Workers, Local #19 (Retired)  
Robert Schuck, Sheet Metal Workers, Local #19  
Kevin Troy, SEPTA  
Liz Walsh, Bucks County Workforce Development Board

### **Bucks County Technical High School**

Walt Hansell, School-to-Career Coordinator  
Ron Martino, School-to-Career Coordinator  
Kevin Ody, Workforce Development & Community Relations Coordinator  
Leon Poeske, Administrative Director

The meeting was called to order at 8:36AM by Mr. Troy.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Gecht, seconded by Mr. Needham, that the minutes of the October 23, 2015 meeting be approved. Council members unanimously approved.

### **BUCKS COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD UPDATE**

Ms. Walsh discussed the recent changes to the Workforce Development Board. In addition:

- The state is looking to consolidate WDBs.
- Discussed the impact on local WDBs.
- Bigger emphasis on out-of-school youth (vs. in-school youth)
- Discussed current labor market data. Dr. Poeske will email the most recent data to council members.

### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Ody reported the following:

- Looking to increase enrollment for the spring.
- Hosted customized job training with several companies, i.e., Mold-a-Matic.
- Manufacturing looking to create regional machine apprenticeships.
- Enrollment in electrical and plumbing apprenticeships has increased.
- Stronger partnership with Bucks County Community College.

### **WORK-BASED EDUCATION**

Mr. Hansell & Mr. Martino reported the following:

- Middle school presentations were given in October; students from various middle schools were given tours during the month of November.
- 87 students are currently on co-op; 39 students are currently on internships.
- We are losing 6-10 employers due to required background checks. Working with Senator Tomlinson's office to try to get the law modified.
- The cosmetology mentor-internship luncheon was held on February 8<sup>th</sup>. 20+ employers/salons participated.
- Working with Habitat for Humanity with carpentry students; and David Library of the American Revolution with Multimedia & Digital Design students. In addition, in conjunction with the Future Teachers Club, our students will be going to area grade schools to demonstrate their skills.

### **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Dr. Poeske discussed Early Childhood Education, International Baccalaureate ad NATEF Re-certification. Mr. Troy congratulated the automotive technology teachers and students on their NATEF Re-certification.

### **UPDATE**

Dr. Poeske discussed professional development, various community service projects and contract negotiations.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Dr. Poeske announced that several partnerships are developing with manufacturers and Bucks County Community College.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Friday, May 13, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21AM.

Submitted by:

Leon Poeske